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Commissioner for Patents
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RE: APPLICATION OF JOHS ET AL: TITLED "DISCRETE POLARIZATION
STATE SPECTROSCOPIC ELLIPSOMETER SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE;
SERIAL NO. 10/613,118;
FILE DATE: 07/07/03;
ART UNIT: 2877;
EXAMINER: PHAM.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

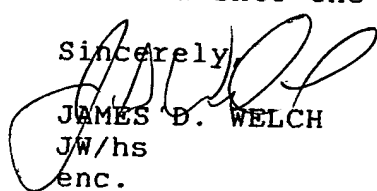
Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of an Action dated 02/23/06 regarding the identified Application.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 - 28 and 30 would be Allowed if minor informalities are corrected, but that claim 29 is withdrawn.

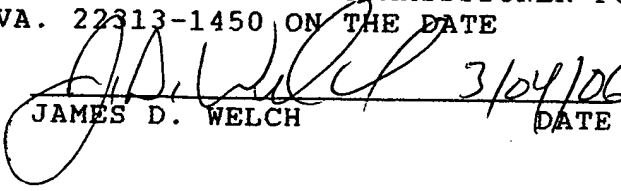
In response Applicant presents the accompanying Claims, some Amended, including a request that Claims 2 and 29 be cancelled. In addition, it was noted that the original Claims included two Claims numbered 23 and two Claims numbered 24. The second set of Claims 23 and 24 have been removed and the substance thereof entered into the first set of Claims numbered 23 and 24.

Sincerely,


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